

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

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Hon. I. Newton Evans, of Hathorn, Pa., who was a member of congress for the forty-fifth, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions from the Seventh district of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Philadelphia, on the 10th, aged 74 years.

The edict of the dowager empress deposing the heir apparent, Pu Chun, says that the son of such a man as Prince Tuan has no right to aspire to be heir apparent, and that, moreover, Pu Chun himself is overwhelmed with shame at his father's conduct.

The committee on revision of the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian church continued its sessions in Washington on the 5th. The members called in a body on President Roosevelt during the day. The president was very cordial in his greeting.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua officially received the Chilean minister, Senor Yrarraval, in the hall of congress in Managua on the 3d. A large assemblage was present, and speeches were made expressing the intimate relations between Chile and Nicaragua.

Prof. F. Lamson-Scribner, the agronomist of the department of agriculture, has been appointed chief of the insular bureau of agriculture in the Philippines. He will have direct charge of agricultural affairs in the archipelago. This is a newly-created office.

The opinion of the Spanish-American delegates to the Pan-American conference with respect to President Roosevelt's message is highly favorable. Its spirit of justice and tone of friendliness to the United States and Latin-American republics are warmly praised.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.
FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 2d, precisely at 12 o'clock, Mr. Frye (Me.), president pro tem, called to order. The chaplain of the house of representatives, Rev. Mr. McMane, read the opening prayer. The usual resolutions of new members were presented and their oaths were administered. The usual resolutions of new members were presented and their oaths were administered. The usual resolutions of new members were presented and their oaths were administered.

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In the senate, on the 4th, practically the entire day was devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions. Two of these measures, relating to the suppression of anarchy, and the death of an anarchist, were allowed to lie on the table, so that their authors, Mr. McMane (Me.) and Mr. East (Mo.), may bring them to the early attention of the senate.

In the senate, on the 5th, Senator McMane (Me.) made a carefully-prepared speech on the subject of the punishment of anarchists for their crime, and was followed by Senator Hoar (Mass.), who made a brief remark on the same subject.

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A bill creating "the McKinley National Park and Forest Reserve," to consist of 4,000,000 acres of timberlands in Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, was introduced in the house, on the 6th, by Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee.

Sixty-five persons were poisoned at a wedding feast at the home of John Mulky, at West Point, Wis. It is believed there was poison in the coffee. Physicians were promptly summoned, and it is believed all will recover.

Three negroes, names unknown, were caught and killed by a posse of citizens near Opp, Ala., on the 6th, for alleged implication in the recent riot, and the whole country is in arms against the negroes. Troops are guarding 25 negro prisoners at Andalusia.

Representative Taylor, of Ohio, on the 6th, introduced a bill to pension Mrs. McKinley at the rate of \$5,000 a year, beginning September 14, 1901, the date of the death of the late president.

Two of Eugene Field's works, "Tribune Primer" and "Consensus for Old and Young," have been sent to the "inferno" of the Boston public library, because, as the officials say, of "irrelevant illustrations."

Thomas J. Hamton, colored, who committed a double murder at Fort White, nine years ago, was hanged at Lake City, Fla., on the 6th. The doomed man showed remarkable nerve and smoked a cigar to the very moment the black cap was adjusted.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Superintendent Atkinson of the public schools of the Philippine archipelago, has written a letter to Pedro Paterno, Filipino politician, saying instructions have been given to every school throughout the island, to celebrate annually the birthday of Jose Rizal, the Filipino patriot who was executed by the Spaniards. The life and history of Rizal will be recited in the schools on this day.

Clark and Barnes, two of the 26 convicts who escaped from the Fort Leavenworth (Kas.) federal prison November 7, during the outbreak, arrived at the prison from Lawton, Okla., on the 8th, in the custody of Deputy Warden Lemmon. Clark was one of the leaders of the mutiny and a reward was offered for his arrest. This leaves but seven convicts still at large.

Col. John Doniphan, a prominent figure from Missouri in the Mexican war, who served with his uncle, Gen. A. W. Doniphan in the signal corps, and successful campaigns against Mexicans and Indians, is dying at his home in St. Joseph, Mo. Col. Doniphan is 80 years old, and has been in feeble health for some time.

The London papers announce that when the duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuela Vanderbilt, visits the United States with her children this winter, she will spend Christmas with her father, Wm. K. Vanderbilt, at his country home, Idle Hour, and return to Great Britain in February.

The British government has decided to prosecute Conor O'Kelly, M. P., chairman of the Mayo county council, and several officials of County Mayo, Ireland, under the criminal act, for holding a meeting and delivering intimidating speeches in defiance of the orders of the police.

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In the senate, on the 9th, the chief incident of the open session was an acrimonious contention between Senators McLaughlin and Tillman, of South Carolina, the direct sequel of a very bitter controversy which arose between them in their own state last spring. Mr. Hoar took occasion to remark that, in his opinion, both the South Carolina seats were vacant as the result of their resignations, tendered to the governor, and which he declared, became immediately operative and could not be withdrawn.

The episode was brought to an abrupt close by Senator Lodge moving an executive session. The house was not in session.

A meeting of the presidents of Presbyterian churches and universities of the middle west will be held at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, on the 20th. The object of the meeting is to form a permanent organization, and in general devise means for advancing the educational work of the Presbyterian church.

Agitation has been started in Idaho in favor of opening the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation to white settlers. This reservation, which partly surrounds Lake Coeur d'Alene, contains more than 500,000 acres, including much fertile land and valuable forests of white and yellow pine.

Dr. J. W. Van Eman, aged 41 years, a prominent physician, died in Leavenworth, Kas., on the 9th, of blood poisoning contracted three weeks ago by scratching his hand while performing an operation. He was a member of the pension examining board.

Thomas B. Ferguson, of Watonga, Okla., assumed the office of governor of Oklahoma on the 9th. Gov. Ferguson made no speech and vouchsafed no promises. It is said that all of the officials of the Jenkins administration will be removed at once.

Engineer-in-Chief Melville has investigated the published reports that the machinery of the battleship Illinois, now in dock at New Orleans, has been found defective, and as a result it is declared that the Illinois' machinery is all right.

The state department has been officially advised that the crown prince of Siam, Maha Vajiravudh, has completed arrangements to visit the United States next October. No member of the royal family of Siam has ever visited America.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Mrs. Belle Detweiler, wife of Judge L. C. Detweiler, of Dry Knob, Laclede county, aged 44.

J. P. Smith, a retired farmer and pioneer of Audrain county, founder of Smith's addition to Laddonia, aged 81.

Dr. J. M. Mitchell, one of the oldest physicians in central Missouri, at Knob Noster.

John D. Wood, at his home in California, aged 70. He was a merchant there from 1853 to 1876, and was sheriff and county collector two terms in the seventies and postmaster for five years during President Cleveland's administration. He was confined to his bed nearly nine years.

E. E. Lindsey, one of the best-known bankers of St. Joseph, aged 56.

John Galatley, for many years the most prominent lumberman in St. Joseph, at Fairbury, Neb.

"Grandma" Riggs, of Clark, Randolph county, aged 77.

Missouri's Smallest Man Dead.

Samuel Hulise, the smallest man in Missouri, died near Fillmore, Andrew county, of pneumonia. He was 35, and was three feet four inches; weight 50 pounds. His wife was Miss Sarah Stephens, a daughter of a merchant of Barnard, Nodaway county. She is 30, and is three feet nine inches, and weighs 55 pounds. They were married last September.

Valuable Real Estate.

The property at the northeast corner of Broadway and Washington avenues, St. Louis, sold recently for \$420,000. The property has a frontage of 127 1/2 feet on Broadway and 44 feet on Washington avenue, or nearly \$9,000 per front foot on Washington avenue, and about \$42 per square foot. The building on the property is not valuable.

December 20 Flag Day.

Gov. Dockery has issued a proclamation designating December 20 as "Flag Day." On that date, 1803, the actual transfer of the Louisiana territory from France to the United States occurred, and on December 20 ground will be broken for the St. Louis World's fair, to commemorate the event.

State Treasurer's Statement.

State Treasurer R. P. Williams has filed the following report of the condition of the state treasury with Gov. Dockery: Balance on hand October 31, \$1,161,660.40; received during November, \$29,415.35; disbursements during November, \$235,594.28; balance on hand November 30, \$1,225,481.31.

New Bills by Champ Clark.

Washington (D. C.) item: Congressman Champ Clark has introduced a bill for the removal of the Mississippi river in Missouri from the list of navigable streams, and another appropriating \$50,000 for dikes at the mouth of Smith's creek, on the Missouri, in Warren county.

Suicide Followed Stabbing.

Wm. S. Clark, bachelor, aged 48, a well-known farmer of Johnson county, and known as "Wild Bill Clark," hanged himself, to avoid arrest for stabbing the son of a neighbor. An officer with a warrant found Clark's dead body hanging from a rafter in the barn.

Cavanaugh Got Five Years.

Walter Cavanaugh, who forced his sweetheart, Daisy Wheeler, a 17-year-old girl, to steal \$1,200 in pension money from her widowed mother and flee with him to Chicago, was found guilty of the charge at Kansas City and given a five years' sentence.

Murder and Suicide.

In a tenement house at 1501 Mulhally street, St. Louis, Joseph Florin murdered his wife, Lena, by stabbing her in the breast with a dirk knife, after which he cut his throat with the same weapon.

Bill for Carthage and Nevada.

Washington (D. C.) item: Congressman Benton, of Missouri, introduced a bill for the construction of federal buildings at Nevada and Carthage at a cost of \$10,000 each.

Committed Suicide in Bed.

Charles Peters, aged 29, while in bed, and with his room mate, Charles Burger, in bed beside him, fired a load of shot and gravel from a shotgun, blowing his head off.

Barthold's Election Bill.

Representative Barthold, of St. Louis, has introduced a bill in congress "to punish frauds at elections for representatives and delegates in congress."

Catfish Sting Proves Fatal.

Dr. Moses Mahall, aged 48, a well-known physician of Buchanan county, died from blood poisoning, resulting from the sting from the fin of a catfish.

Taken in by the Trust.

The M. C. Wetmore Tobacco Co., St. Louis, has been absorbed by the Continental Tobacco Co., known as the trust. The plant is a fine one.

St. Louis' Business Boom.

The bank clearings at St. Louis during the week ended December 4 were \$58,447,371, an increase of 46.1 per cent. over same week last year.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Seymour McLaughlin was acquitted of the charge of murdering his father, Nathaniel McLaughlin, in the circuit court at Hamilton.

Residence Destroyed by Fire.

About one o'clock the other morning fire totally destroyed the dwelling and all the furniture of C. J. Lauderdale, of Monett.

Forger Got Five Years.

At Kansas City, Mo. H. Allen, charged with passing forged checks on confiding merchants, was sentenced to five years.

Died on a Handcar.

Daniel McGehty, a railroad man of Chillicothe, dropped dead while riding on a handcar with a section crew; heart disease.

Missouri Wheat.

In western counties wheat has made a good growth, and is in a very promising condition.

ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

Items Indicating Progress of the Work of Preparation and Publicity.

MATTERS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO DRAG.

Friday, December 20, Will Be an Interesting Day, When Ground Will Be Officially Broken With Appropriate Ceremony and With Prominent Witnesses.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—The past week has witnessed a number of interesting advance steps in Louisiana Purchase exposition matters, among them the following:

Jamaica made a very creditable exhibit at the Columbian exposition, and her governor has written that he is considering the matter of a representation for Jamaica at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in 1903.

A World's Fair commission has been formed in Laclede county, Mo., with a view of making an exhibit of the county's products.

The executive committee has authorized the sinking of an artesian well on the World's fair site. The well will have a six-inch bore.

One of the effects of the World's fair enterprise was shown in the November receipts of the St. Louis post office, which were \$26,134 larger than the November receipts of 1900.

The North Carolina auxiliary committee has issued a stirring appeal to North Carolinians everywhere to assist in getting up a World's fair exhibit for the old North State.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. has been requested to invite the Argen Order of Canada to the St. Louis World's fair. The members of the order are mostly descendants of the governors, military commanders and other officials of Louisiana before its transfer to the United States in 1803.

At the meeting of the executive committee on December 5 a letter from John Hay, secretary of state, was read, showing that several foreign countries had already favorably replied to the invitation to participate in the St. Louis World's fair.

President Roosevelt, in his first annual message, referred to the Louisiana Purchase with such patriotic appreciation of its importance as "the great turning-point in our development," and so heartily commended the World's fair, which is to commemorate its centennial anniversary, that President Francis promptly wired him a congratulatory message.

United States Ambassador Powell Clayton has forwarded to the Louisiana Purchase exposition officials copies of official correspondence with the Mexican government, showing that the president of the Republic had accepted President McKinley's invitation, and announced that Mexico would not only participate as a nation in the St. Louis World's fair, but would invite her people to send private contributions to the exhibits.

The World's fair executive committee has appropriated \$5,000 to be expended in securing a prize design for a Louisiana Purchase exposition symbol, the prize to be awarded by a jury of two artists, two sculptors, two architects and one historian.

The board of lady managers, at their informal consultation in New York, on December 5, with the national commission for the World's fair, declared their intention to make earnest efforts for a comprehensive display representing the progress of woman's work in literature, science, art and the leading industries between 1803 and 1903.

In a lecture to the Chicago Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, December 5, Dr. Edmund J. James, vice-president of the Illinois Historical society, assured his hearers that "Illinois will see to it that the history of the entire northwest shall be set forth at the St. Louis World's fair in painting, sculpture, historic collections and decorations in the Illinois building."

The honorary commission of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, appointed by Gov. Toole of Montana, met in Helena, December 5, to discuss plans for raising a state exhibit fund, pending an appropriation by the legislature. The plan of raising \$50,000 by assessments on the counties, they to be reimbursed by the legislature, met with most favor. Gov. Toole will attend the "Ground Breaking" in St. Louis on December 20.

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British Imports and Exports.

London, Dec. 8.—The November statement of the board of trade shows decreases of £2,923,200 in imports and £1,782,000 in exports.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Food Distribution and Other Government Means of Relieving Distress.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The ministry of the interior recently issued the following statement about the famine: "Five and a half million poods of winter grain and three millions of summer grain has been purchased and forwarded to the needy districts. The total grain purchases are given as exceeding 16,000,000 poods, for which ten million roubles has been expended. The entire famine fund so far disposable is 14,213,348 roubles. The original estimates of grain to relieve the famine districts are now found to be excessive and they have consequently been reduced in a number of cases."

"Conditions in Asiatic Russia are still bad and much relief will be sent there. Petitions for an official proclamation of famine from Asiatic Russia were received from 27 districts and were granted in 22."

"Private reports which have appeared in the press from time to time are not nearly as optimistic as the governmental. Hunger and disease have been reported much more prevalent than the ministry of the interior admits."

"In addition to direct help for the famine districts, indirect help has been granted in several forms. Workmen traveling to public works will enjoy the moderate emigrant rate and materials needed for the works, as well as grain, will be distributed at greatly reduced tariffs."

CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT.

Australia Passes an Industrial Arbitration Bill for Settling Labor Difficulties.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 9.—By the passage of the industrial arbitration bill through its final stages, the government has placed a law upon the statute books, the working of which will excite interest throughout the world. This bill not only compels reference of all disputes between employers and employees to a competent court, award, but makes a strike or a lock-out, before or pending such reference, a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

The court which will pass upon these disputes is to be presided over by a judge of the supreme court, and will have most extensive powers, including the power to declare a standard wage and to rectify that, other things being equal, an employer shall give preference to unionist over non-union laborers. There is no appeal from the decisions of this court.

SOUTH SEA HOTEL BURNED.

Two Persons Suffocated and Several Firemen Injured—Guests Escape in Their Night Clothes.

London, Dec. 9.—The Queen's hotel, at South Sea, was burned down yesterday morning. Forty of the guests escaped from the building in their night clothes. Two chambermaids were suffocated and several firemen and others were injured.

The Queen's hotel was a fashionable resort. Among those rescued from the building were Rev. Thomas Teignmouth Shore, canon of Worcester and chaplain-in-ordinary to King Edward and his wife; Maj. Gen. Francis William Collis and Col. and Mrs. Charles E. Stewart, retired, and Col. and Mrs. Tuxton.

RECONCENTRATION CAMP.

Will Suggest the Distribution of Refugees in the Settled District—Holland's Demand.

London, Dec. 9.—It is reported that when parliament reassembles the British government will bring forward a new proposal in regard to the reconcentration camps in South Africa. It is believed that this proposal will suggest the distribution of the refugees in the settled districts.

According to a dispatch from Brussels to the Standard, Holland has asked the powers to support her in a demand that the people in these camps be brought to Holland.

QUEEN WILHELMINA'S AIDE.

Maj. Van Tets Wounded by Prince Henry.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—It is impossible to obtain confirmation of the reported death of Maj. Van Tets, aide to Queen Wilhelmina, who is said to have fought and been wounded in a duel with Prince Henry, the queen's consort. The Amsterdam Telegram asserts Maj. Van Tets passed a quiet night Saturday night; that Prof. Nathan had performed an operation upon him and is satisfied with his patient's condition. At the hospital in Utrecht, however, and in official circles, no information on this matter can be obtained.

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